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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Condominium Associations - Petitions and Distribution of Information by Unit Owners

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that individual unit owners may distributewritten
- 4 materials concerning condominium matters to other unit owners and tenants in any
- 5 manner that the council of unit owners or the board of directors distributes written
- 6 materials to the unit owners and tenants; providing that individual unit owners may
- 7 collect petition signatures from other unit owners and tenants in certain areas of the
- 8 condominium and by certain means; requiring the council of unit owners or the
- 9 board of directors to provide individual unit owners with a list of the names and
- addresses of all of the other unit owners under certain circumstances; allowing the
- 11 council of unit owners or the board of directors to charge a certain copying fee when
- providing a list of names and addresses of the unit owners; and generally relating to
- the distribution of written materials, the collection of petition signatures, and unit
- owner name and address lists in condominiums.
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Real Property
- 17 Section 11-109.3
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1996 Replacement Volume)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Real Property
- 23 11-109.3.
- 24 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT OWNER MAY DISTRIBUTE WRITTEN MATERIALS
- 25 CONCERNING CONDOMINIUM MATTERS TO OTHER UNIT OWNERS AND TENANTS IN
- 26 ANY MANNER THAT THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 27 DISTRIBUTES WRITTEN MATERIALS TO THE UNIT OWNERS AND TENANTS.
- 28 (B) IN ANY COMMON ELEMENT OF THE CONDOMINIUM OR BY
- 29 DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION, AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT OWNER MAY COLLECT
- 30 PETITION SIGNATURES FROM OTHER UNIT OWNERS AND TENANTS.

- 1 (C) UPON REQUEST BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT OWNER, THE COUNCIL OF UNIT
- 2 OWNERS OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL PROVIDE TO THE UNIT OWNER A
- 3 WRITTEN LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL OF THE UNIT OWNERS OF
- 4 THE CONDOMINIUM.
- 5 (D) THE COUNCIL OF UNIT OWNERS OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY
- 6 CHARGE A NOMINAL, REASONABLE FEE FOR THE COST OF COPYING A LIST IN
- 7 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 9 October 1, 1996.